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DATE: *October 1, 2007*
TO: *Montana Communities & Interested 2008 Arbor Day Participants*
FROM: *Montana Urban & Community Forestry Program (Contact: Dan Rogers, 542-4284)*
RE: *2008 Arbor Day Grant Program*

*The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is sponsoring the 2008 Arbor Day Grant program to promote the observance of ARBOR DAY in Montana. All communities in Montana interested in participating in Arbor Day 2008 are eligible to apply. Any community interested may apply for a **\$300 grant** while communities with the Tree City USA designation since at least 2006 may apply for a **\$1000 grant**.*

This is a reimbursement grant with a required 35% match. A community requesting reimbursement must submit copies of paid invoices in the amount of the grant plus an additional 35% (i.e., \$105.00 addition for the \$300 award OR \$350 addition for the \$1000 award) to receive payment. Match may be cash or in-kind donations by the grantee.

Montana joins most other states in annually celebrating Arbor Day on the last Friday in April; however, trees and planting conditions don't honor calendars and many Montana communities choose to celebrate Arbor Day at different times.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Application and proclamation available at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Assistance/Urban/grants.asp>

Application deadline is January 1, 2008. Awards made by February 15, 2008.

Successful applicants must return the grant agreement by March 1, 2008, or the grant award is null and void.

Projects must be completed no later than June 15, 2008.

A project report form (available online) with receipts is due at project completion.

Completed application and Arbor Day proclamation should be submitted to:

Montana DNRC, U&CF Program, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804 OR by fax at 542-4203.